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SUBJECT: STATUS AND FUNCTIONS KIEV ADVANCE PARTY

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT WE SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER OUR POSITION ON GROUND RULES FOR ADVANCE PARTIES. WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW THE ACTIVITIES OF PRE-ADVANCE PARTIES WILL AFFECT THE SITUATION AFTER ADVANCE PARTIES ARE IN PLACE. UNTIL WE HAVE DECIDED ON US APPROACH TO THIS QUESTION, SUGGEST PORTER RESTRICT HIS OFFICIAL CONTACTS IN KIEV TO PROPERTY-RELATED MATTERS.

2. UP TO THIS POINT, WE HAVE TRIED TO RIDE CLOSE HERD ON MYSHKOV'S ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK. HAD HE ATTEMPTED, IN HIS PRE-ADVANCE STATUS, COURTESY CALLS ON PERSONS OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF PREPARING THEIR BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE OBJECTED. OUR THINKING HAS BEEN THAT WE SHOULD KEEP MYSHKOV IN CHECK IN BOTH THE PRE-ADVANCE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCE STAGES, AS A LEVER ON SOVIET COOPERATION IN KIEV

UP TO OPENING.

3. REGARDING SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT PORTER ACTIVITIES, WE ASSUME IT WAS INTENDED IN PART AS A RESPONSE TO OUR COMPLAINT ABOUT MYSHKOV'S VIOLATING TERMS OF OUR RESTRICTIONS ON THEM (STATE 134811).

4. WITH REGARD TO GROUND RULES PROPOSED PAR 6 REFTTEL, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE REGISTERED WITH US THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THE NEW YORK ADVANCE PARTY WOULD TAKE OVER FROM THE EMBASSY VARIOUS PROTECTION MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING OTHER SOVIET OFFICES IN NEW YORK (EXCEPT THE UN). THUS WHEN A BOMB GOES OFF AT AMTORG, THE ADVANCE PARTY COULD HANDLE LIAISON WITH NEW YORK POLICE AUTHORITIES. WE ARE INCLINED TO GO ALONG AS A PRACTICAL MATTER.

5. WE CAN SEE ADVANTAGES IN TAKING A RELAXED ATTITUDE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ADVANCE PARTIES, IF THIS WOULD APPLY EQUALLY IN KIEV. PERHAPS THE ADVANTAGES WOULD OFFSET THE LOSS OF WHATEVER LEVERAGE WOULD STEM FROM TRYING TO HOLD MYSHKOV BACK. IF THAT IS THE THRUST OF EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WILL WHEN THE TIME COMES TO EXCHANGE ADVANCE PARTIES BE PREPARED TO FLOAT A PROPOSAL TO THE SOVIETS FOR GROUND RULES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY, WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEW YORK SITUATION. KISSINGER

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